

DNREC Division of Parks & Recreation to hold July 10 open house on buildings, infrastructure for White Clay Creek State Park

DOVER – The second of four open houses to gather public input on creating a master plan for the future of White Clay Creek State Park in Newark will be held 4-7 p.m., Tuesday July 10, at Deerfield, 507 Thompson Station Road, Newark, DE 19711.

DNREC Secretary Shawn M. Garvin announced last month that DNREC's Division of Parks & Recreation is beginning the process of creating a master plan for the future of the park and will be holding four open houses this summer to gather public input for the plan. The open houses are an opportunity for the public to convey what they enjoy about the park, and what concerns or ideas they might have for the future, to aid in developing a draft plan.

The July 10 open house will focus on buildings and infrastructure, for public input on topics such as the Nature Center, the park office, use of buildings, and current/future concessionaires. Information and opportunities to ask questions will be available during the entire open house, with presentations at 4:30 and 6 p.m.

White Clay Creek State Park is the second-largest park in DNREC's park system. The park hosts more than 322,000 visitors each year and contains the most trail miles. The park also holds popular summer concerts, a well-attended summer camp program, the high school cross-country state meet, and other events. Visitors enjoy birding, mountain biking, hiking,

fishing, and horseback riding.

The next two open houses are tentatively scheduled from 4-7 p.m. at Deerfield, on the following dates:

- Wednesday, Aug. 1: Focused on roads, trails, and connectivity.
- Monday, Aug. 20: Focused on recreation topics such as golfing, fishing, visiting historic sites, and events.

In addition to the open houses, the public is encouraged to participate in a [brief online survey](#) to provide initial comments. A second survey with more specific questions will be developed later. To submit general comments, please email DNREC_WCCmasterplan@delaware.gov, or write to DNREC-DPR, 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901, Attn: WCCSP Master Plan.

The public is also encouraged to visit www.destateparks.com/whiteclaymasterplan for the latest information and updates, and to check back frequently for the latest news and draft documents for review once developed. In addition to the webpage, announcements will be made by DNREC press releases, signs in the park, and other means.

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